i) FCI has prepared a shelf of projects to establish new godowns of 3.41 lakh MT with an estimated cost of Rs.164 crores excluding land cost and Rs.234 Crores with land cost in various States during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12). As per the revised estimates, total capacity likely to be created during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) would be 1.39 lakh MT with a likely expenditure of Rs.133 crores. In the 11th Plan period, the Planing Commission has sanctioned Rs. 125 crores for construction of godowns by FCI and Rs. 24 crores as Grants-in-Aid to State Governments of North Eastern States, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir for construction of godowns.

ii) In July, 2008, the Government formulated a "Scheme for Construction of Godowns for FCI-storage requirements through Private Enterpreneurs". Under this scheme, the FCI is to provide a guarantee for 5 years for hiring of godowns through Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations. FCI has approved creation of 126.35 lakh tonnes of storage capacity under this scheme, which is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

iii) Under the Scheme for Construction of Godowns for FCI and within the overall capacity of 126.35 lakh tonnes approved by FCI, the Government has allowed CWC/SWCs to build godowns on their own land for which FCI would provide 4 years guarantee for the storage charges.

iv) Temporary plinths (CAP) of 2.52 lakh MT capacity have been created during the last six months and another 1.92 lakh MT are under progress/process to be created shortly on the vacant land lying within the FCI's existing godowns.

v) The General Managers (Region)/EDs (Zones) of FCI have been delegated powers to hire additional storage capacity as per requirement.

Statement

The details of the requirement of additional storage capacity finalized by HLC of FCI, under five year guarantee scheme, 2008

Andhra Pradesh	36,000
Bihar	3,00,000
Chhattisgarh	5,000
Gujarat	45,000
Haryana	38,80,000
Himachal Pradesh	1,42,550
J&K	3,61,690
Jharkhand	1,75,000
Karnataka	1,00,000
Kerala	15,000
Maharashtra	99,500
Punjab	71,25,000
Tamil Nadu	3,20,000
Uttarakhand	25,000
West Bengal	5,000
GRAND TOTAL :	126.35 LMT

†196. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drought problem has put a question mark on Government's plan to implement Food Security Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of card holders under Public Distribution System at present in the country and the items provided to the card holders under Antyodaya Anna Yojana; and

(d) the future of food security law in the scenario of shortage of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Presently, under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) allocation of foodgrains is made for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, (including 2.43 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families), on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 01.03.2000. However, as reported by State/ Union Territory Governments by 31.10.2009, ration cards issued by the State / Union Territory Governments to BPL, AAY and Above Poverty Line (APL) categories are as follows:-

(figures in crore)

	Category	No. of ration cards
1.	AAY	2.43
2.	BPL	8.53
3.	APL	13.27
	TOTAL :	24.23

Wheat/Rice/Coarsegrains @ 35 kg. per family per month are allotted for AAY ration card holders at an issue price Rs.3 per kg for rice, Rs.2 per kg. for wheat and Rs.1.50 per kg. for coarsegrains.

(d) At present Government is examining various aspects of the proposed National Food Security Act.

India's ranking in global hunger index

197. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranked 66 among 88 countries in the global hunger index of the recent repott of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi